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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUPPORT THE CREATION
OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE IMMERSION CLASSES IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural society
2 that blends diverse food, customs, and languages; and
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4 WHEREAS, this melting pot has yet to extend to foreign
5 language education in the State's public elementary schools; and
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7 WHEREAS, although foreign languages are offered in the
8 State's public high schools, there are several benefits to
9 teaching children a foreign language beginning in kindergarten;
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12 WHEREAS, research has shown a positive correlation between
13 the study of a foreign language and increased cognitive and
14 academic ability, leading to improved student performance
15 indicators; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
19 that the Department of Education is requested to support the
20 creation of foreign language immersion classes in public
21 elementary schools; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education and
25 Chairperson of the Board of Education.
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